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SUBJECT: ASSYRIAN AND ARMENIAN REFUGEES

REF: GENEVA 998

ROME AND ATHENS FOR INS

1. WE ARE PLEASED TO KNOW OF THE FEB. 10 MEETING CALLED BY DEPUTY UNHCR. WE ALSO FOUND OUR MEETINGS WITH WCC BEIRUT REP. DE JONGE EXTREMELY HELPFUL AND ARE IMPRESSED WITH HIS DEDICATION TO HIS DIFFICULT MISSION.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT UNHCR WILL NEED TO HEAR ASSESSMENT
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OF THE LEBANESE SITUATION DIRECTLY FROM JAEGER AND RISVI

WHEN THEY RETURN FROM BEIRUT THE END OF THIS WEEK BEFORE HOLDING THE MEETING. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT FOLLOW THE NEED FOR WAITING UNTIL FEB. 19 TO MEET. WE URGE THAT THE MEETING BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND SUGGEST THAT IT BE HELD IN GENEVA RATHER THAN IN ATHENS IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE FURTHER ACTION.

3. WE URGE ALL PARTIES CONCERNED TO HAVE WHATEVER INFORMATION OR INSTRUCTIONS OR PLANS NECESSARY PRIOR TO THE MEETING SO THAT ACTION CAN FOLLOW AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE MEETING.

4. PLEASE URGE UNHCR AND ALL INVOLVED TO TREAT THIS MATTER WITH THE SENSE OF URGENCY THAT IT MERITS SINCE MANY LIVES ARE AT STAKE.

5. WE WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE DEPT. VIEWS THIS AS A HIGHLY VISIBLE AND URGENT PRIORITY MATTER AND CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IS KEEN.

6. FOR ATHENS: WHILE MUCH OF PROCESSING WILL BE DONE BY INS, FINAL PROCESSING FOR DEPENDENTS TO BE ISSUED NON-PREFERENCE VISAS MUST BE DONE BY CONSULAR OFFICER IN ACCORDANCE WITH A6539 OF OCT. 20, 1975. EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE THAT ALL PRE-PROCESSING OF DEPENDENTS WILL BE PERFORMED BY INS. THEREFORE DEPT. BELIEVES ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ESTIMATED IN ATHENS 1067 JUSTIFIED. KISSINGER

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